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R.B. O'Brien
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Dear Mr. O'Brien:

This letter is in response to your October 12th letter to Mary Jane O'Donnell concerning the status of the groundwater monitoring program at the Howe Richardson Scale facility in Rutland, Vermont.

The Howe Richardson facility was entered into our Erris inventory of potential hazardous waste sites, following a CERCLA 103c notification in June 1981. All sites on the inventory require an assessment to determine whether or not a threat to public health or the environment exists.

The first phase of the assessment, or the preliminary assessment gathers all background information and available data together to determine if additional on-site investigations are needed. The second phase of the assessment is an on-site investigation which includes environmental sampling.

The State of Vermont has requested EPA assistance in conducting a preliminary assessment/site investigation at the Howe Richardson facility. EPA has tasked its contractors NUS Corporation to this in the coming months.

All future correspondence and data reports regarding the site should be sent to me at the following address: U.S. EPA, Room 1903 JFK Federal Building, Boston, MA 02203. Feel free to call me if you have any questions regarding the above. I can be reached at (617) 223-1950.

Sincerely,

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